



# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF RECLAMATION MID-PACIFIC REGION

LAKE BERRYESSA  
5520 Knoxville Road  
Napa, California 94558

IN REPLY  
REFER TO:

### **OPERATIONAL POLICY NO. 9--SECOND REVISION**

#### **POLICY FOR SEAPLANE USE OF LAKE BERRYESSA**

##### 1. APPLICATION

This policy applies to all land and water areas at Lake Berryessa administered by the Bureau of Reclamation.

##### 2. AUTHORITY

Adopted pursuant to (1) Public Law 93-493, which in part provides for the Bureau of Reclamation to administer the Federal land and water areas at Lake Berryessa in such a manner that will best provide for public recreational use and enjoyment, and (2) Section 21403 of the California Aeronautics Act, which states in part "the landing of aircraft on the land or water, of another without his consent is unlawful except in case of a forced landing."

##### 3. DEFINITIONS

- a. "Seaplanes:" For the purposes of this policy both float-equipped landplanes and amphibious-type aircraft less than 12,500 pounds gross weight will be included as "seaplanes."
- b. "Landing area:" An area located at Lake Berryessa north, east, and south of Big Island which have been designated for the takeoff and landing of seaplanes (see Exhibit "A").
- c. "Resorts:" Any one of the concession operated facilities at Lake Berryessa.
- d. "Beaching:" Term used for amphibious aircraft that have the capability of taxiing out of the water onto land.

##### 4. GENERAL POLICY

The operation of seaplanes on Lake Berryessa for recreational purposes is authorized in accordance with applicable Federal Aviation Administration rules and regulations and those conditions stipulated in this Operational Policy.

5. OPERATING RESTRICTIONS

- a. Seaplanes may not be operated from 1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise. Overnight moorage is permitted in developed marinas only. No beaching of seaplanes will be allowed except for areas which have been designated in the resorts.
- b. Seaplane operation is prohibited within 1,500 feet of Monticello Dam and within 500 feet of a beach frequented by bathers or other recreationists.
- c. Landings and takeoffs will be permitted only on the water at least 1000 feet from any shore and in the general landing areas located north, east, and south of Big Island (Exhibit "A", attached). No landings or takeoffs will be permitted on or from land within the Federal takeline at Lake Berryessa.
- d. The operation of seaplanes for other than recreational purposes (e.g., pilot training or instruction) is prohibited.
- e. Seaplanes, except during landing or takeoff, will abide by the California Boating Code in their movement on the lake.

In addition to the above, extreme caution and vigilance must be exercised in the vicinity of resort developments, bathing beaches, launch ramps, and docks. Pilots of amphibious craft should not attempt using ramp areas until cleared of all recreationists.

This policy, although authorizing seaplane landings on Lake Berryessa, does not grant permission to pilots to use facilities operated by resorts. Before arriving at the lake, pilots should make prior arrangements with a resort to ensure adequate moorage or tiedown space will be available if such are desired.

This second revision supersedes the revised policy dated May 22, 1979.

APPROVED 10/29/81 BY:

COPY: Original signed by Robert K. Semmens  
Recreation Manager, Lake Berryessa

Enclosure (Exhibit A)

Exhibit A

